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From

THE FOREST CONTRACTORS,
COONDAPOOR Taluk

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To

THE SECRETARY
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS

Through

THE COONDAPOOR TALUK MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION.
COONDAPOOR. S.Kanara.

Sir,

Re: Excess auctioning of forest coupes.

We submit that the annual forest coupe sales were over in March 1955 and about 800 acres were already sold. Now we hear that about 600 acres of coupes will be again put up afresh, this very year for clearing and removal. Hitherto, the coupe sale was being conducted only once a year and we are surprised to know why some more coupes are again added on now.

The price and the demand for tiles has gone down and there is not much demand for firewood. During this depression period instead of 800 acres, 1400 acres are auctioned. The yield of firewood from Government coupes will increase by 75 per cent. There is no new market for this extra seventy-five percent yield as Mangalore is our only market.

In this connection we submit that all the existing fuel coupe contractors are already having enough coupe contracts, and if some more coupes are sold now, and as the produce of all these coupes is to be transported to Mangalor market only, the price of fuel will naturally fall down and the Government may not get the required and full value of the forest. If the forest coupes are sold for pretty low prices, it will surely affect the contractors very badly

as they have already paid heavy prices for the coupes, and may not get the proportionate market value.

Third class firewood known as Mangalore Pasandi is exported to Mangalore. Now the price of this variety is Rs. 65/ per chowk. The cutting expenses, lorry hire and country craft freight will come to Rs. 60/- per chowk and the contractor gets about Rs 5/- per chowk. But by the excess auctioning the price of this variety will come down to such an extent that the Contractors will not be able to meet the cutting and transporting charges. So to avoid this loss the Contractors will leave this 3rd class firewood in the coupe itself. On an average in every coupe we get about twenty-five per cent of this variety. If this is wasted in all the 1400 acres what a big loss it will be for the country. There is no doubt that the country is going to face a big shortage of firewood in the future. The policy of the Government is to preserve the forests and not to waste natural resources like this,

The additional 600 acres which are going to be auctioned is for the purpose of planting soft-wood trees. This could be planted in 800 acres which they have already auctioned. If the department wants to bring the area for re-generation we the undersigned contractors are prepared to finish the work early and hand over the coupes 15 days earlier than the lease period.

We therefore request that this may kindly be enquired into atonce and immediate orders passed stopping the sale of fresh coupes this year, but to put up all the coupes for sale in the district only on a definite given time once a year. This cause will not only benefit the Government but also the Contractors as well.

Yours faithfully,

N. Narasinha Pandith

(6) K. Bujanga Hegde

V. Hanumanta Shetty

S. Krishnaraja Halamba

(Certificate of hosting obtained)

The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association, (Regd)

"Upstairs" of Sri H. L. Kamath's ware House,

GANGULI, S. K.

Date 24 - 6 - 1955

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Agricultural Department, Madras, with the following remarks.

The submission made by the Forest Contractors of Kundapur Taluk is forwarded herewith, to be disposed off on the merits of the reasons urged therein. When usually the clearance (and replanting if necessary) of 800 acres annually of forest tree growth was considered sufficient, the Government had been encouraging forest tree growth as a National asset, it is curious that another 600 acres should have been put up for clearance and cuttings within 3 months of the usual auctions. Considering that in our neighbouring district, North Kanara, this year (where the forest growth is 70%) they have earmarked for clearance as per reports, 50% area more than their usual every year, such additional felling in our own area (where the forest is not even 20%) to the extent of 75% - 600 more acres - this year will certainly result in a slump of prices. Unless there has been a deficit felling elsewhere in the District, fresh auction of 600 acres of forests once again in this year does not seem to be necessary. We request the Government to issue appropriate orders in this behalf.

For The Goondapoor Taluk Merchants' Association,

President.

Same as pages 1-2 ante

Coondapoor.
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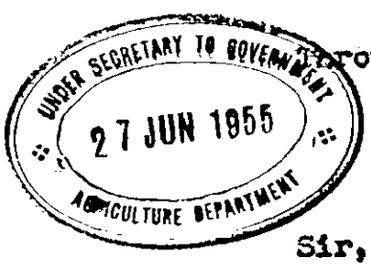

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Copy to Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras.

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(2) G. Narayana Pandith

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(5) V. Panduranga Shenoy

(6) S. Krishnaraya Holamli.

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Asst. (C.W) Dehra

The petition on pages 1-2 above may be perused. The intention of the petitioners seems to be to inflate the price of fuel by reducing the quantity available in the market. The D.F.O. and the Conservator would have taken into consideration all these facts before additional coupes were leased out. No action therefore seems necessary on the petition. May be lodged unless it is considered necessary to call for a report from the C.C.F. and examine the case further. For orders.

29.6.55.

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. The coupes have already been leased out by the forest Deptt, taking into account all these factors. If, as the contractors represent there is not enough demand for the fuel from all these extra coupes sold this year, I was open to them not to take

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the extra Coupes in auction as they have done. If they are of the opinion that there is no case for the sale of fresh coupes this year, the most effective way of ensuring it would be in their own hands - they need not take any fresh coupe in auction.

The petition seems to be only a ruse to raise the local price of firewood by restricting the quantity.

The C.C.F. need not therefore be consulted & the petitioners may be informed that it is not possible to comply with their request.

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use my new address & C.C.F. for disposal

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Sub: Forests - South Kanara Division -
Fuel coupes - Auctioning of in excess
Representation against.

A copy of the petition dated 16.6.55 from the Forest Contractors of Coondapur taluk, South Kanara District is communicated to the C.C.F. for disposal.

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O.N. Draft above is submitted with reference to Secretary's orders at 'M' on p. 8 ante

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